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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Proposed Use of the Agency Auditorium for  
Presentation by Mr. Herman Kahn

1. A recommendation for approval is contained in paragraph 4.
2. Mr. Herman Kahn, head of the Hudson Institute, New York, has been contracted by the OTR Senior Seminar to present his views of future world trends, particularly as these may relate to the interests and role of government. Mr. Kahn's presentation is scheduled for Friday, 5 November 1971, at 2:00 p.m. and will consist of about one hour of presentation followed by a question and answer period of approximately one hour. Mr. Kahn has an Agency security approval dated 27 May 1971 to speak on an unclassified basis.
3. If this request is approved, Mr. Kahn will be asked to speak in the Agency Auditorium rather than to limit his presentation to the Senior Seminar, as originally proposed. Use of the Auditorium, therefore, is contingent upon Mr. Kahn's concurrence, as well as approval of this request.
4. This request has developed as a result of indications received by the Senior Seminar Staff that there is a fairly wide spread interest among Agency employees in Mr. Kahn's presentation. He is a well known personality whose views have continued to evoke great public interest for several years. It is therefore recommended that, subject to Mr. Kahn's concurrence, use of the Agency Auditorium be approved for this purpose.
5. If use of the Agency Auditorium is approved, invitations to attend Mr. Kahn's presentation would be extended to Agency employees via Bulletin Board notices and other appropriate internal communications.
6. A copy of Mr. Kahn's biographic profile is attached, for your information.

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Acting Director of Training

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CONCUR:

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[V/S] Robert S. Wattles

12 OCT 1971

John W. Coffey  
Deputy Director  
for Support

Date

APPROVED:

*NOT approved*

L. K. White  
Executive Director-Comptroller

Date

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Herman Kahn: Born August 13, 1907, in Rochester, New York. He graduated *suumma cum laude* from the University of Minnesota, MN, 1931, and served as a University Fellow in history at Harvard, 1934. Married with three children. He was an academician in his early career, and in 1934, began a period of government service as historian for the National Park Service. He subsequently served as archivist for the National Archives and in 1950 received the General Services Administration Distinguished Service Award. He is presently Director of the Hudson Institute, a policy-research organization. He is regarded as a mathematician and physicist, as well as a leading scholar of National Strategy and U.S. policy. He is a consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and various private firms. His writings have appeared in many magazines, from the Saturday Evening Post to Daedalus and Fortune to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. His books are "On Thermonuclear War" (1960), "Thinking About the Unthinkable" (1962), and most recently, "On Escalation: Metaphors and Scenarios."